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58/194. Situation of human rights in Turkmenistan

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that all States Members of the United Nations have the obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and the duty to fulfil the obligations that they have undertaken under the various international instruments in this field,

Expressing its grave concern about the serious and continuing human rights violations occurring in Turkmenistan,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 2003/11 of 16 April 2003,[1]

Taking note of the recommendations outlined in the report of the Rapporteur of the Moscow Mechanism of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, issued on 12 March 2003,

Noting with appreciation the recent offer of the Government of Turkmenistan to invite a delegation of experts of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide technical assistance in the area of human rights as well as the recent visits of the Personal Envoy of the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe for Participating States in Central Asia and of the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organization,

Calls upon the Government of Turkmenistan:

(*a*) To implement fully the measures set out in Commission on Human Rights resolution 2003/11[1] and to inform the Commission before its sixtieth session of the steps being taken in this regard;

(*b*) To implement fully the recommendations outlined in the report of the Rapporteur of the Moscow Mechanism of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, to work constructively with the various institutions of the Organization and to facilitate further visits of the Personal Envoy of the

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 3* (E/2003/23), chap. II, sect. A.

Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Participating States in Central Asia and of the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organization;

(*c*) To develop a constructive dialogue with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and to cooperate fully with all the mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights;

(*d*) To grant immediate access by independent bodies, including the International Committee of the Red Cross, as well as lawyers and relatives, to detained persons.

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